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City of Bucklin approved for USDA Rural development water project funding

TOPEKA – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced that the agency has approved \$770,000 in final funding for the City of Bucklin's upgrade of their public water system. USDA Rural Development also provided funding for the city's water system last fiscal year in the amount of \$1,749,985 for the first phase of the system's upgrade.

"USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Program is one of the most important community and economic development efforts this agency administers. These USDA funds, combined with the Agency's helpful technical assistance which supports local leadership, helps make these critically needed services a reality. It is important that rural Kansans keep pace with their basic need to have access to safe and reliable water sources. This valuable USDA program promotes economic growth and enhances the quality of life for the area residents served by these projects and all of Kansas," commented State Director Banks.

Phase 2 of the project will consist of redrilling Well No. 6, adding a chlorination unit to the well and installing water lines. Upon the completion of the entire project, the community will replace 52,000 linear feet of water line throughout the town, replumb two other wells, replace several fire hydrants, and repair the municipal water tower.

USDA Rural Development has invested \$21,818,552 for Fiscal Year 2006 benefiting nineteen Kansas Communities. The approval funding, split between \$14,968,400 in loans and \$6,850,152 in grants, will support the construction and or completion of the important infrastructure projects that will provide long-term economic and health benefits to over 12,100 Kansans throughout the state.

USDA Rural Development's Mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life of the State's rural residents. The Agency provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America.